

## 4.11 HISTORIC and CULTURAL RESOURCES

### 4.11.1 Impacts of the Proposed Master Plan

Historic and cultural resource investigations for the proposed project are documented in the Heritage Resources Investigations Report (Appendix I of this Draft EIS). The Area of Potential Effect (APE), required to be delineated for purposes of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), was confirmed by the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) with the Washington State Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation in July, 2003. Review of records and a survey of the APE did not identify any properties that are eligible or listed on the national, state, or local registers, or that appear to meet National Register or local landmark criteria (36 CFR 60.4). In addition, no cultural material older than 50 years was observed.

A moderate possibility exists for buried archeological deposits, particularly prehistoric remains, to be unearthed. However, previous site disturbances have severely diminished the likelihood of discovery. Due to poor surface visibility and the possibility that existing development has capped rather than destroyed buried cultural resources, a program of selective spot-checks and monitoring is recommended during construction. Spot-checks and monitoring would address unforeseen discoveries and provide the opportunity to document resources, if discovered.

The project site has been extensively modernized and existing buildings no longer retain their architectural integrity. In addition, the existing residences have outlived their usefulness as viable public housing (KCHA, 2003). The modernization that occurred in 1975 to 1982 added new porches and replaced distinctive wood windows and siding with vinyl materials. In addition, plumbing and heating systems updates have resulted in removal of coal heaters, chimneys, and exterior coal bins. The original community buildings were demolished and replaced in the 1970s and 1980s, and the 1943 school building was demolished in 2002.

Buildings in the blocks adjacent to the project site, that are included in the APE, date primarily from the 1950s through 1970s. Those buildings that are more than 50 years old have been significantly altered with new windows and/or claddings, and in many cases, additions.

### 4.11.2 Impacts of the Alternatives

#### Design Alternative Master Plan

Impacts would be the same as under the Proposed Master Plan.

#### No Action Alternative

The No Action Alternative would not involve demolition, excavation, or redevelopment of the project site. No impacts to historical or archaeological resources would occur. The potential for discovery of historic or cultural artifacts would also not occur.

#### 4.11.3 Mitigation Measures

Although no impacts to cultural or historic resources are anticipated, KCHA could implement the following mitigation measures to ensure that any important discoveries are recorded and professionally documented:

- A qualified archeologist should implement a formal monitoring and discovery plan during construction.
- In the event that historic or prehistoric cultural remains are exposed during construction, the State Historic Preservation Offices, King County Historic Preservation Officer, and concerned tribes should be contacted.
- The King County Sheriff and Medical Examiners Office should be notified immediately of any accidental discovery of human remains. If remains were determined to be Native American, all concerned tribes would be contacted immediately.

#### 4.11.4 Significant Unavoidable Adverse Impacts

No significant unavoidable adverse impacts to historic or cultural resources are anticipated.